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RAY PICCININI CARRIES OLYMPIC TORCH!

It was, we believe, the first time that a parishioner of the Annunciation Cathedral carried the Olympic torch, certainly in San Francisco. When it was determined that the torch would come to San Francisco from its origin in Greece to the Salt Lake Olympic Games, **Ray Piccinini**, known also as the "Easter bunny" for 40 years, was selected. What an honor for Ray, his family, and for the entire Annunciation Cathedral family! We proudly watched as the news media depicted

Ray, holding the torch, saying, "this was the greatest moment of my life."

Ray is husband to **Pamela-Mitchel Piccinini**, son-in-law to the late **Jim Mitchel**, and **Mary Mitchel**, godson to **Emily Bagatelos**, Godfather to **Jimmy Mitchel** and brother-in-law to **Dena Mitchel** and **Jim Mitchel**. As this issue of the *Herald* went to press, we learned that Ray was undergoing surgery. We pray for his speedy recovery and salute him on this very special achievement.



Ray Piccinini carrying the Olympic Torch in San Francisco

TASTE OF THE TOWN BENEFIT- MARCH 3RD

The Cathedral is the site of the 4th annual *Taste of the Town*, sponsored by the Diocese Philoptochos Board and its Chapters in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony's 67th Birthday. The event is scheduled for **Sunday evening, March 3rd**, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event features a seven course dining extravaganza, a silent auction, a balloon raffle, and dancing to the music of **Kymata**. The proceeds will benefit the Philoptochos Library at the Monastery of the Theotokos, the Life-Giving Spring.

Those who have attended previous *Taste of the Town* events know how much hard work goes into making this a wonderful and memorable extravaganza. You won't want to miss this one either. You may make reservations by calling Mrs. John Cladis, Reservations Chairman, at 650 854-0499.

MARCH 25TH: THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY: GREAT VESPERS ON THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE WITH PANEGYRI OR GLENDI TO FOLLOW; DIVINE LITURGY AND LUNCHEON ON MONDAY

March 25th is always a great celebration. First and foremost, it honors the Theotokos, who responded to God's call by saying, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1.38). Accordingly, it is the Feast Day or Name Day of the Annunciation Cathedral. It is such a major feast that, even if it were to occur on a Sunday, it

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would require us to offer those hymns and readings prescribed for the Feast rather than those that would normally be offered on a Sunday, in remembrance of the Resurrection. This year, March 25th falls on a Monday. The day before coincides with the Sunday of Orthodoxy, which is typically celebrated by Pan-Orthodox Vespers in one of the many area Orthodox Churches. The Pan-Orthodox community has been invited to concelebrate this great event on Sunday, March 24, with the Annunciation Great Vespers this year, led by His Eminence, Metropolitan Anthony), beginning at 5 pm (rather than at 7 pm, as we do when Annunciation Vespers do not coincide with the Sunday of Orthodoxy).

Preceding the Great Vespers, and following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, the now-annual Greek Independence Day Parade will take place (since March 25th is also Greek Independence Day). However, rather than begin at the Cathedral and conclude at the Civic Center, the Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, March 24 will begin at the Civic Center at 2:30 pm and conclude at the Cathedral. In the Cathedral Courtyard (weather permitting) a panegyri (celebration) or glendi will take place--a kind of mini-festival, complete with food (including spanakopites, tyropites, and loukoumades), drink and music, with all proceeds going to the Annunciation Cathedral. The celebration will begin about 3:30 pm, when the parade participants return to the Cathedral, pause from 5 to 6 pm for Great Vespers, and continue when Vespers end, until about 8 pm. Come and join in the festivities. We will have complimentary attended parking but we do ask that, if you park in the tandem parking area, you kindly leave your key with the attendant or run the risk of having your car towed.

On Monday, March 25th, the Feast Day of the Annunciation, the Orthros will begin at 9 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10 am. His Eminence, **Metropolitan Anthony** will be the main celebrant, assisted by **Metropolitan Chrysostomos** of Kition,

Cyprus, who will deliver the homily. The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will sponsor the luncheon following the Liturgy and, as is our custom, proclaim the 2002 **Woman of the Year**.

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY/BRUNCH ON APRIL 7

"Godparents' Sunday" is a time-honored tradition, a special day during the Great Lent that we all look forward to, a day for reaffirming the special and sacred bond between us and our Godparent(s). As is our custom at the Cathedral, we will recite portions of the Baptismal service where we are asked whether we have renounced Satan and united ourselves with Christ, and then receive the Body and Blood of our Lord God and Savior together. People have been asking all year, "When is Godparents' Sunday?" This year, Godparents' Sunday will take place on April 7. This will be followed by our first-Sunday-of-the-month brunch, consisting of a healthy breakfast. Please note this on your calendars. Godchildren: call your Godparents. Godparents: call your Godchildren. And plan to worship together on April 7.

PARISH COUNCIL TO HOLD ALL-DAY FOCUS SESSION

On Saturday, April 9, 2001 the Parish Council, along with the Philoptochos President, Father Stephen, and one or two others will meet at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco for an all-day focus session under the able leadership of **Peter Zachariou**, a former member of the Annunciation, who will facilitate the session. The focus session aims at assisting us and, in turn, our parish, formulate long-term goals for the Cathedral, especially Phase 2 of our Building Program. Once again, Philoptochos is playing a major role in this endeavor, as it is recommending earmarking its funds to procuring much-needed parking to enable the development of Phase 2. A full report will be given to the parish when it meets in Parish Assembly on Sunday, May 19.

PHILOPTOCHOS PLANS FOR MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW OTHER UPCOMING PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS

The Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society will sponsor a Memorial Service for all the deceased members of Philoptochos and also an Artoclasia Service, for all the living members of Philoptochos on Sunday, March 17, 2002. Coffee and a light lunch will be served after services. This invitation is extended to the entire Annunciation Cathedral congregation as well as to the various Philoptochos chapters in the Bay Area, inasmuch as many of their relatives were (or are) members of Annunciation's Philoptochos.

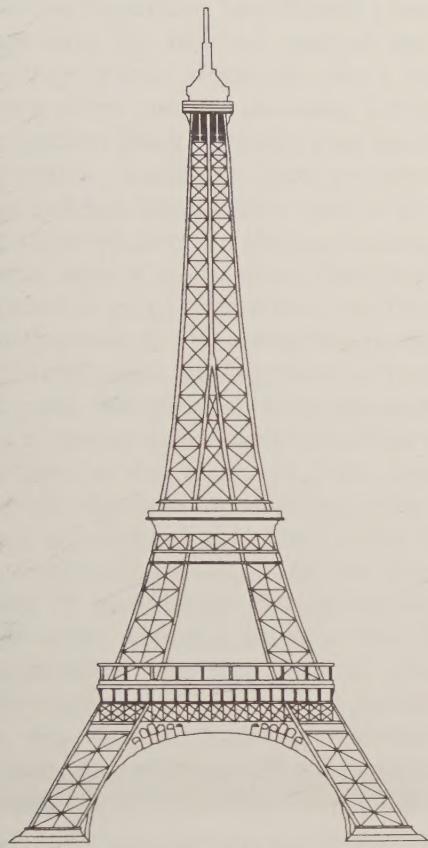
On Monday, March 25, 2002, Philoptochos is planning its annual luncheon with the main entree being fish plaki, in celebration of the Annunciation to the Theotokos and Greek Independence Day. Please mark your calendars for this event. Philoptochos will name its Woman of the Year at the Luncheon. In addition, Philoptochos members are participating in the panegyri or glendi that will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral following the Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, March 24.

Once again, Philoptochos is in the planning stages for the 43rd Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon and Fashion Show. The date is Saturday, May 11, 2002. The theme for this year's most popular event is "Springtime in Parish." [Please see flyer and reservation form elsewhere in the Herald.] It sounds exciting and, hopefully as in years past, we will have a large crowd. Please mark your calendars. Funds from this event are for the wonderful ministry of Kids 'n Cancer.

**"Acquire the peace of
the Lord in your heart
and a thousand
people around you
will be saved."**

St. Seraphim of Sarov

Springtime in Paris



*The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
of the
Annunciation Cathedral
Presents*

*The 43rd Annual Mother's Day Luncheon
and Fashion Show*

Saturday, May 11, 2002

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

245 Valencia Street

San Francisco

For Reservations call 415/864-8000

Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show

Saturday, May 11, 2002

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

*Please reserve _____ seat(s) @ \$40.00 per person
or
table of 10 for \$400.00*

(Ticket price includes valet parking)

Make checks payable to Ladies Philoptochos Society, by April 30, 2002.

Please provide list of attendee names.

Tickets and seat assignments will be waiting for you at the door.



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HOLDING EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARKING

Recently, an event was held at the Cathedral, which resulted in a parking nightmare. Specifically, guests attending the function parked their pick-up trucks single-file along the fence where cars are normally parked in tandem (back to back), thus losing 10 spaces. In addition, some parents of the Waldorf School were here to pick up their children. For about a half hour there was a traffic jam. Cars were unable to go in or to come out. Then, participants in the Bible Study that evening began arriving, with no place to park. We are addressing this issue by a) requiring the Waldorf School to adhere to the terms of their lease which stipulates no evening (after 6 pm) or weekend activities, except by special arrangement (and no more than 10 automobiles during the day) and b) by requiring all who rent the facilities for a function, such as a dinner, to have valet or attendant parking. In this way, the logistical nightmare created that evening will not be duplicated.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT...?

What does the Church say about...? Ever wonder what the Church has to say about stem-cell research? Technological advances in reproduction? Cloning? Sexuality? Fighting in wars? And on, and on.... Most of us wonder what the correct answers are to the moral and ethical issues, current events, and other seemingly ambivalent choices each of us is confronted with on a daily basis. As Orthodox Christians we should turn to the Church for the answers. The Church has many resources, including her two thousand years of Tradition, the Holy Scriptures, and most importantly, the Holy Spirit, on which to draw to help her children to find the answers to their questions, problems, dilemmas, and issues.

Continuing on February 27 and every two weeks thereafter, through April 17, we'll explore this subject on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us in what promises to be a lively

spiritual and intellectual pursuit. For more information, please contact Brett Williamson at 415-695-9681, or the Church Office at 415 864-8000.

FR. GREGORY TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY

On Epiphany Sunday, January 6, Father Gregory Ofiesh announced his willingness to lead an adult Bible Study. We welcome Father Gregory's generosity and look forward to benefitting from his knowledge of the Scriptures and his many years as an Orthodox priest. Father Gregory is teaching the course on Thursday evenings at the Cathedral, beginning at 7 pm, and at his home in Millbrae on Wednesday evenings, also beginning at 7 pm. Do take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn from a dedicated priest who has served the Church in this capacity for over 50 years.

From St. Maximos the Confessor (First Century on Love no. 79, The Philokalia, Vol. 2 edited by Palmer, Sherrard and Ware; Faber and Faber pgs. 61-62):

"Almsgiving heals the soul's incisive power; fasting withers sensual desire; prayer purifies the intellect and prepares it for the contemplation of created beings. For the Lord has given us commandments which correspond to the powers of the soul."

2002: THE ARCHDIOCESE BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY

As previously announced in the Herald, the Diocese of San Francisco will host the 2002 Clergy-Laity Congress in Los Angeles at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, June 30-July 4. Since this will officially be the first Clergy-Laity Congress of the new millennium, His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony states, "we will attempt to set the tone for future Congresses in the 21st century. Our hope is to create a new paradigm for the Clergy-Laity Congress, seeking to recapture something of the freshness and vitality of earlier Congresses, while at the same time remaining faithful to the innovative and pioneering spirit which has always characterized the western frontier of this great nation." The theme

selected for the 2002 Clergy-Laity Congress is "Offering our Orthodox Faith to Contemporary America." His Eminence urges all of us to strive towards full participation in this Congress, and invites us to visit the official Clergy-Laity website: www.clergylaity.org. Annunciation Cathedral delegates to the Congress will be elected at our May 19 Parish Assembly.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

One of your Lenten resolutions should be to join the Annunciation Choir. Lent is a wonderful time to sing in the choir, because you learn about all the special hymns during this holy season. No experience is required, you can learn as you go, and it's a great ministry to our Cathedral. The true beauty of our Liturgy comes to life in song, and you can be part of it. If you are interested, see Music Director Nick Tarlson after Liturgy, or call 956-5700.

SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

BAPTISMS

On January 26, Zachary Phillip, son of Phillip and Theresa Maragoulas was baptized by his sponsor, Ann Morris. Also on January 26, Vasilios Iannis Loufas, son of John and Effie Loufas, was baptized, by his sponsors, Katerina Haras and George Stavropoulos. *Na mas zisoun!*

FUNERAL

Aliki (Alice) Gellepis, who died on February 2, was buried on February 5. She is survived by her daughter, Hariklia D. Boone. *Aionia autis i mnimi!*

"ΓΕΥΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΟΛΗΣ", ΓΙΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΗ ΜΑΣ

'Οπως ήδη έχει ανακοινωθεί, στις 3 το Μάρτη, ημέρα Κυριακή, από τις 5 έως τις 11 το βράδυ, η Φιλόπιτωχος Αδελφότητα της Επισκοπής μας οργανώνει δείπνο στον Καθεδρικό Ναό με την ευκαιρία των γενεθλίων του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτη μας.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες και για να κλείστε θέσεις, τηλεφωνείστε στην κα I. Κλαδή στο 650 854-0499.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL ON APRIL 14

The Cathedral will hold the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on Sunday, April 14, following the Divine Liturgy. Details of the festival are found in the "Sunday School News" section of this issue of the *Herald*.

NEW DANCE GROUP FORMED

In addition to the Cathedral's three dance groups, Arete, Kymata and Philadelfakia, we have added a fourth group, for ages 4 to 8. The new group is called Ta Angelakia (little angels), directed by Leah Stavrakaras and Michael Garibaldi. The group practices at the Cathedral every Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm. We already have 5 youngsters in the group. There is room for at least another 5. We would encourage our parents (and grandparents) to bring their young ones, who will benefit culturally and socially, and even physically, since dance enhances coordination and instils cultural appreciation.

For additional information, you may call or E-mail our directors. Leah can be reached at 650 992-3838, Leptoula@aol.com; Michael may be reached at 650 697-7050, Beamer09@Hotmail.com. Both are award-winning dancers from our older groups. We thank them for teaching the younger ones. In the end, that is what this program is all about.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's a great time for families to bring children to Sunday School as we approach the Great Lent. In March and in April the children will have lenten-related lessons. A great web site for families to access to get more information about lenten activities, recipes, and suggestions for raising Orthodox children is www.theologic.com. Sunday School will hold its annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on Sunday, April 14. New this year is

the elementary division for grades 4-6. Children in this division will be asked to speak for no more than 1 1/2 minutes. We expect that we will have about 30 participants in all. We want to encourage your children's participation in this program, as it is a great opportunity for them to learn, write, and speak about their Orthodox faith. In addition, it gets them accustomed to speaking in public. As usual, we will have children participating in the Junior Division (grades 7-9) and in the Senior Division (grades 10-12).

The names of the first and second place winners will be forwarded on April 15 to ensure their participation in the Bay Area District Oratorical Festival, which will take place at Belmont's Church of the Holy Cross Oaks Room on Sunday, April 21 at 1 p.m. Look for the April *Herald*, which will list the Sunday School activities for the remainder of Lent and Holy Week, such as the Candlelight Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday evening, April 26 at 7 pm, the Folding of the Palms on Saturday morning, April 27, following the Divine Liturgy, and T.G.I.PASCHA on Holy Friday, May 3.

LOOK HOMeward ANGELS

by Desiderus Arasmus

Seems like it was only yesterday that a group of young girls came to the Annunciation with a dream...to play basketball. I recall that special day as they hesitantly walked down the corridor. When they reached our then new Center, they paused for a brief moment to gaze upon the brass letters which boldly proclaimed the Korinthias Center. As they slowly ventured into the hall, I could hear them whispering, "what is a Korinthias?" From the smile on his face, I can only assume that their coach, **Mike Canellos**, also overheard them. Upon introducing himself, he sat the young girls down and gave them a brief history of the Annunciation. He explained that the word "Korinthias" was in fact

the name of the individual our hall was named for--**Bill Korinthias**. With child-like innocence they asked, "Is he very rich?" As Mike grinned, he repeated the question, "Is he rich?" "More than anyone could imagine," Mike replied. He went on to explain that God had blessed Bill with very special gifts--patience, kindness, and a love for children. For over 65 years Bill had dedicated his life to the youth programs at the Annunciation, never expecting anything in return. Bill had given something much more valuable than money to the Annunciation: he had given himself! Mike told the young girls that the new center they were now sitting in was the fruits of 65 years of labor by people like Bill Korinthias. He stressed that the Korinthias Center stands as a tribute to the legacy Bill bequeathed to us.

That season, the little group of young girls became Annunciation's first-ever Girls Junior Varsity Team. The "Little Angels," as they were soon to be known, went undefeated, capturing both league and tournament championships. The following year, moving up to the high school division, our "Angels" lost their first game, 30 to 27. They went on to win the remainder of their games and avenge their only loss with a convincing win in the tournament championship. The following year, our Angels went undefeated, winning both league and tournament championships. Last season, as juniors, our Angels posted yet another undefeated season, again repeating as league and tournament champions. As they are about to enter their final season as players, our Angels' record stands at 31 wins and only 1 loss. Yet, far more important than winning and losing, our Angels continue to symbolize the fact that, through hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished, a lesson they learned from Bill so very long ago.

In respect and gratitude to **William Korinthias**, and to all of you who have supported these young ladies (for they are no longer little

**ANNUNCIATION
CATHEDRAL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 2002

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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girls), as well as our basketball program in general, our angels will be wearing wrist bands of blue and gold with the initials "W.K." during their games. We urge our entire parish to come and say thank you and so long to Natalie and Candace, to Sara and Mariella, to Leah, Stephanie, and Mary. Look homeward, Angels, you will always be in our hearts!

In other basketball news, our High School and Adult Season is about to begin, specifically, the weekend of March 17. Anyone wishing to participate in these teams must notify **Mike Canellos** by March 10. Mike will be contacting the various teams to sign up and schedule practice and then meet with them and Father Stephen before the season starts, to discuss a number

of issues relating to basketball, such as uniforms, their obligations to the Cathedral through Stewardship, and their involvement in a number of activities sponsored by and for the youth of the Cathedral, such as the Western Barbeque.

GETTING GOING ON GOYA

As Father Stephen stated on a number of occasions, two of our top priorities, which require our immediate attention, are 1. building our church and 2. gathering our youth. "Gathering our youth" means developing more programs for them, involving them more in the life of the Church, getting them to know Christ our Savior, nurturing their spiritual

formation and, at the same time, getting them to appreciate the heritage which is uniquely ours. We have been rather successful at developing basketball programs (we now have 12 teams), and dance groups (we have 4 of them). We have been successful also in developing a Young Adults program, a JOY program for those twelve years of age and under and even a summer camp program. However, we lack a viable, strong GOYA. Toward this end, several adult leaders and GOYA leaders, came together on Wednesday, February 27 and will be working together to chart a course for GOYA so that it will emerge as a strong organization once again. You will be hearing a lot more about GOYA as our 13 to 18 year olds regroup.

LOST PORTRAITS OF THE HELLENIC IMMIGRANT

From March 2 to April 14, 2002 a special exhibition will be held in the Rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 am.-8 pm and weekends, 12:30 pm-4 pm. The exhibition displays pictures found in Treis Dromoi (3 city blocks, site of the old "Greek town") of those Greeks who settled in San Francisco from 1914-1922. Perhaps your loved ones are among them? Admission to the exhibition is free.

INVITATION BY CONSUL GENERAL OF GREECE

On the occasion of the Independence Day of Greece, the Consul General of Greece and Mrs. Dimitrios Touloupas will host an open house reception, to which it invites Annunciation's parishioners, on Friday, March 22, 2002, from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Green Room, War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, at 401 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. At 7 pm the First Salutations Service will be sung at the Annunciation Cathedral.

ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT

The theme of this year's Spiritual Renewal Ministries Lenten Retreat for men and women, young and old, is "Behold the Bridegroom: Reflections on the Song of Songs." The

retreat will take place April 19-21 at the St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap and will be led by **Father Paul Schroeder**. Those interested in attending, contact **Fofa Olson**, at 925 687-8337 or Father Paul at 559 338-2103.

HANDYMAN BEING SOUGHT

The Cathedral is looking for a handyperson to do minor repairs throughout the church complex. The position, which requires about 5 hours a week, requires plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills. No license is required. If you are that person or if you can identify such a person, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000 and ask for Mike Bagatelas.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO OUR 2001 DIRECTORY?

As this issue of the Herald goes to press, so does the eagerly awaited 2001 Stewardship Directory. (This is the directory for which we took pictures earlier in the year.) The reason for the "hold-up" is that the committee wished to include photographs from the Food Festival, the Western Barbeque, Father Stephen's birthday, and New Year's Eve. All this has gone to Olin Mills, which will be sending us a proof. Upon our approval, the directory will be printed and a copy sent to each participant (i.e. those who took photographs).

Additional copies will be available for sale.

PEOPLE

Perri Nager, an Annunciation Cathedral parishioner, came across the following thoughts, which seem appropriate to share with our readers: (Thanks, Perri)

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

STEWARSHIP 2002 IS ON THE RISE!

Gus Vouchilas,
Stewardship 2002 Chair

Thanks to your continued support, Annunciation Stewardship pledges in January of 2002 have surpassed those of last year. I believe this is a true testimony of your faith in the Cathedral and in the Lord, Jesus Christ. We have a long way to go in order to achieve the goal we have set for this year, but I am completely confident that we will not only achieve this goal, but that we will exceed it as well. As the Cathedral operating costs continue to increase, it is incumbent on all of us to do whatever we can to help. Our church is a gift that we must cherish.

As we continue to support and energize the Annunciation, it is important to keep in mind that stewardship is not only measured in dollars and cents, but also in works. It is only through your continued efforts that we are able to sustain ourselves year after year. If you have a particular talent that you would like to share with the Annunciation family, or if there is an event that you would enjoy participating in, please let us know. You can send a letter to me using the Cathedral address and I will personally forward it to the appropriate individual. If you have not yet sent in your pledge for 2002, please do so as soon as you can. It is only through your support that the Annunciation can continue to grow and flourish.

I sincerely thank the following individuals for their 2002 Stewardship pledges:

Gebremedhin Abraha
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ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH DEMANDS EQUAL RIGHTS

By George Gilson,
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One of the most outspoken proponents of Greek-Turkish friendship is also one of the most prominent citizens of Turkey. So it is no surprise that Greece's recent decision to include the reopening of the Halki Theological Seminary--the legendary spawning ground of the Patriarchate's great hierarchs and theologians--in the newly upgraded dialogue between the countries has stirred high hopes in Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, for whom that goal has long been a personal mission.

In an exclusive interview with the Athens News, the highest-ranking leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians calls upon Turkey to live up to its own constitution as well as basic human rights and values

in the key areas of religious freedom and minority rights as it undertakes its arduous journey to become a full-fledged member of the European family. Ankara's half-century campaign to eliminate gradually the Greek minority of Istanbul and decimate the once overwhelmingly Greek population of Imvros has been overwhelmingly successful. It began with the orchestrated anti-Greek riots of September 6-7, 1955, where widespread plundering and looting of Greek businesses and homes in Istanbul established a terrifying chill in the Greek community, over 100,000 strong in the first half of the 20th century and now down to fewere than 4,000.

The mid-1960's also saw an orchestrated and radical demographic alteration of the population of Imvros, once 95% ethnic Greek, contrary to Ankara's obligations under Article 14 of the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne. Imvros and adjacent Tenedos were to "enjoy a

special administrative organization composed of local elements and furnishing every guarantee for the native non-Muslim population so far as concerns local administration and the protection of persons and property." Forty years later, Ankara abolished Greek-language education, expropriated for a pittance the lands of the overwhelmingly agricultural Greek population, and systematically transferred prison convicts to the island. Patriarch Bartholomew, an Imvriot by birth, believes something can and should still be done to rectify past injustices. As for the many prime properties of the Greek community in Istanbul, the government continues to discriminate by arbitrarily dissolving the boards of trustees of the charitable foundations that own them and casting a chill in the now tiny community.

{An interview with the Patriarch, which followed, can be found on Hec.Greece.org..}

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

March 3rd
Taste of the Town

April 7
Godparents' Sunday

May 11th
Mother's Day Luncheon
"Springtime in Paris"

June 30 - July 4
Archdiocese
Clergy-Laity Congress
Los Angeles

First Sunday
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Sunday Brunch

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